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FOR FURTHER ACTION
See paragraph 2 below

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1. This opinion contains indications relating to the following items:

- ☒ Box No. I Basis of the opinion
- ☐ Box No. II Priority
- ☐ Box No. III Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
- ☐ Box No. IV Lack of unity of invention
- ☒ Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
- ☐ Box No. VI Certain documents cited
- ☐ Box No. VII Certain defects in the international application
- ☐ Box No. VIII Certain observations on the international application

2. FURTHER ACTION

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Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims	1-41	YES
	Claims		NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	1-41	YES
	Claims		NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	1-41	YES
	Claims		NO

2. Citations and explanations:

Documents cited in the International Search Report:

D1: US 2003142457 A1
D2: US 2002100605 A1
D3: EP 0416164 A1
D4: EP 0688075 A1
D5: US 3670222 A

The cited documents represent the general state of the art.

The invention defined in claims 1-41 is not disclosed by any of these documents.

The cited prior art does not give any indication that would lead a person skilled in the art to the claimed power capacitor or the method for manufacturing such a capacitor. Therefore, the claimed invention is not obvious to a person skilled in the art.

Accordingly, the invention defined in claims 1-41 is novel and is considered to involve an inventive step. The invention is industrially applicable.